



# BookChat

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What's New at the Lake Bluff Public Library  
[www.LakeBluffLibrary.org](http://www.LakeBluffLibrary.org)

## Board of Trustees

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## Board Meetings at 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 16

Tuesday, October 21

Tuesday, November 18

Library board meetings are held at the library  
and open to the public.

## Library Hours

Monday	10:00 am–9:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am–9:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am–4:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm–5:00 pm (beginning September 7)

## Library Closures

Monday, September 1 (Labor Day)

Tuesday, November 11 (Veteran's Day)

Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving Day)

## New Digital Services!



### EBSCO Databases

If you are the kind of person who asks a lot of questions, then you're in luck! The Library recently purchased subscriptions to over 20 new databases from EBSCO, including:

- ◆ **Consumer Reports** — Need a new refrigerator? Wondering what brand is best for you? Consumer Reports has recommendations, reviews, and buying advice for thousands of products.
- ◆ **Consumer Health Complete** — Be prepared for cold and flu season, and everything in between! Browse evidence-based reports, fact sheets, books, and more for a variety of consumer-oriented health content.
- ◆ **Academic Search Premier**—A database of full-text scholarly articles and resources on a variety of topics.
- ◆ **Auto Repair Reference Center** – Looking for a wiring diagram for a 1981 Honda Accord? It's available on the Auto Repair Reference Center, along with maintenance and repair information for a variety of foreign and domestic vehicles.
- ◆ **Searchasaurus** — Elementary school aged children can use Searchasaurus to search for a variety of topics in encyclopedias, maps, and even magazines like *Ranger Rick* and *Ladybug*.
- ◆ **Middle Search Plus** — Research assignments are a snap with Middle Search Plus! Designed for middle school students, Middle Search Plus offers content from periodicals, books, biographies, and more!



### Gale Courses

Have you been meaning to learn something new? Then you should check out Gale Courses! Gale Courses offers hundreds of online, instructor-led courses for personal enrichment and professional development. Learn how to use Microsoft Excel, pick up the basics of guitar or painting, or even prep for tests like the GRE, ACT/SAT, GMAT, and LSAT.



### Genealogy Resources

Do you have a sneaking suspicion that you're related to King Henry VIII or Alexander the Great? Use your library card to find out! Our subscriptions to Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest offer access to a wealth of primary source genealogical materials.



### Streaming Video

Movie lovers, rejoice! Streaming videos are now available for checkout via My Media Mall. All you need is your Lake Bluff Library card and your laptop or mobile device—no downloading required! Our streaming video collection includes a variety of educational and documentary films, as well as popular titles like *The Silver Linings Playbook* and *The King's Speech*.

## News from the Board

The Library Board of Trustees has voted to move the regular Board meetings from the second Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month. The change will allow for better coordination and efficiency in preparing Board documents. Meetings will still be held at 7:00pm in the library, and members of the public are always encouraged to attend. Please refer to the newsletter and library website for the updated meeting dates.

# Adult Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

Please register for adult programs to ensure we have the room adequately set-up.

Registration can be completed online at [www.LakeBluffLibrary.org](http://www.LakeBluffLibrary.org), by phone at 847-234-2540, or in person at the Reference Desk.

## *When a Life Becomes Myth: History, Myths and Other Family Stories*

**Wednesday, September 10 at 1:30pm**

What do you want to know about your family's past? Is there a story to unravel? Has a family tale risen to myth over the generations? Using genealogy, history and even weather records, Daniel Hubbard talks about how to reconstruct what seems to have happened and reveal what really did happen. Mr. Hubbard is currently President of the Lake County Illinois Genealogical Society and a member of the Advisory Board of the Nordic Family Genealogy Center at the Swedish American Museum in Chicago.



**American Diabetes Association.**

## *Diabetes Basics*

**Tuesday, September 23 at 1:00pm**

The American Diabetes Association's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. A representative from the ADA will provide information about diabetes and ways to prevent or delay onset, separate myth from reality, and give easy-to-implement tools and resources.

## *Health Care and Your Retirement*

**Monday, September 29 at 7:00pm**

The increasing cost of health care is a growing concern for current and future retirees. In fact, the Federal Reserve estimates 25 years ago retirees spent almost twice as much on food as on health care. Now the amounts are nearly equal. Join Lauren Davi with Edward Jones Investments as she hosts a seminar on Medicare coverage and traditional medical expenses, long-term medical care expenses, and strategies for addressing uncovered expenses.

## *Distracted by Disorganization?*

**Tuesday, September 30 at 1:00pm**

Would you like to feel more organized? Are you stuck and don't know where to begin? Professional Organizer Bonnie Hillman Shay will share tips and techniques to help you pare down your 'stuff,' how to select what to keep, and finally, how to maintain your newly organized spaces going forward. She will get you motivated and focused on what you really want to be doing in your life, rather than being distracted by disorganization.



## *College Aid*

**Monday, October 6 at 7:00pm**

The college financial aid system, which includes scholarships, grants, student loans, and tax saving opportunities, is designed to help relieve the expenses of college. Joe Orsolini has twenty years of experience as a Certified College Planning Specialist and a Certified Financial Planner. His program introduces three key areas to reduce the overall cost of a college education, including strategies to maximize need-based financial aid, merit-based aid, and how to exploit tax-saving opportunities.

## *The Case for Reincarnation*

**Thursday, October 9 at 7:00pm**

Today, well over half of the people in the world accept the concept of reincarnation, including 20% of Americans. Paranormal Investigator Terry Fisk explores the astonishing scientific and philosophical evidence for reincarnation and answers some of the objections commonly put forth by debunkers. He explains how reincarnation can help people to gain a profound new understanding of their behavior, thoughts, and purpose in life.

## *Chinese Musical Instruments*

**Wednesday, October 15 at 1:30pm**

The Chicago representative of Shen Yun Symphony Orchestra, Sue Liu, presents a PowerPoint of typical Chinese musical instruments and their sounds. No musical instruments will be present, but experience the distinctiveness and beauty of Chinese music through short musical sound clips.



## *Military Veterans Remember*

**Monday, November 3 at 7:00pm**

With great respect and honor for their contribution to the peace and safety of the United States of America, any person who has served in the armed forces is welcome to join other Veterans for an evening of sharing events and experiences in words and photos. Residents of the community are welcome to attend, listen, and learn.

## *Amelia Earhart: Soaring High on Wings of Success*

**Thursday, September 11 at 7:00pm**

*"Please know I am quite aware of the hazards. I want to do it because I want to do it."*

--Amelia Earhart.

The American aviation legend disappeared without a trace on July 2, 1937 while attempting to be the first person to fly around the world at the equator. Historian Jim Gibbons presents the life of the woman known as "Lady Lindy." Did she drown at sea, live out the rest of her life on a secluded island or was she imprisoned by the Japanese as a spy? Mr. Gibbons will present the life and death, and the facts and theories of America's first woman aviator, Amelia Earhart!





# Adult Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

## *How to Stay Young*

**Wednesday, November 5 at 12:30pm**

Do you get aches and pains in your back? Vicky Mata from Rader's Spinal Health Center shares tips on how to stay young and mobile. This program is for adults of all ages!

## *The Buck Stops Here!*

### *The Life of Harry S. Truman*

**Thursday, November 6 at 7:00pm**

Historian Jim Gibbons will present the life of the Missouri farmer, Harry S. Truman, who became our 33<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States. Determination and persistence were the keys to Truman's success. This includes everything from his courtship of his wife to dropping the Atomic Bomb, firing General Douglas MacArthur, and the "whistle-stop, give 'em



hell speech campaign." When all the press, the pollsters, and even his mother-in-law felt that he had no chance, Truman overcame all odds to win the presidency in his own right.

## *Wau-Bun: Stories of the Early Days with Juliette Kinzie*

**Thursday, November 13 at 1:30pm**

Come celebrate the early days of the frontier with writer, historian and pioneer Juliette Magill Kinzie as she is portrayed by Betsey Means. Juliette Magill married the famous fur trader and U.S. Indian sub-agent John Kinzie in 1830. Together they shared a great adventure in the Northwest Territory mixing with French voyageurs, fur trappers, British soldiers, American pioneers, and above all, the Native Americans who peopled the wilderness of the Great Lakes.



## *Wool Gatherers*

**Mondays, September 15, October 20, and November 17 at 7:00pm**

This program is an ongoing, adult gathering that meets the third Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. Our circle of needle artists gets together to share stories, solve problems, and work on our current projects. Wool Gatherers is open to all skill levels. Registration is not required.



## Warm Up America!

### Knitting or Crocheting Afghans for Children in Lake County

**September 15 – November 17, 2014**

Warm Up America! is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization made up of volunteers across the country who knit and crochet handmade afghans for those in need. Help us as we make afghans to donate to the Mothers Trust Foundation for children in Lake County. The sections can be made at the library during Wool Gatherers or at home. Homemade sections can be dropped at the library during regular business hours. A Mothers Trust Foundation basket will be available near the old entrance for collecting your sections.

You will need:  
Medium-weight/worsted-weight acrylic yarn (no wool)  
Needle size: US Knitting needle 7/Crochet hook 4.5 mm.  
Gauge: 5 stitches = 1 inch  
Finished size: 7 inches x 9 inches



Attend book club and share your comments with other book lovers! Carol leads open-ended and insightful discussions that may change your ideas about the book. All of the titles for the discussions are available for check-out at the circulation desk. Some of the titles can be downloaded from MyMediaMall.

**All discussions are on Tuesdays at 1:30pm.**

**September 16:** *My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey* by Jill Bolte Taylor (Nonfiction, 2008, 183 pages)

**October 21:** *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker (Fiction, 2012, 325 pages)

**November 18:** *The Invisible Mountain* by Carolina De Robertis (Fiction, 2009, 384 pages)



## *Display Case for Your Collection*

The glass display case in the Spruth Room is available to anyone in the community. If you have a collection you would like to share for a few weeks with the library's patrons, please contact Carol Carter for available dates. Collections must be approved by the staff of Lake Bluff Public Library.

**September:** Rubber Duck Collection by Martha O'Hara

**October:** PEZ Dispensers shared by Kathy Mullenbach

**November:** LB/LF Chamber of Commerce Holiday Buttons



# Children's Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

## Video Game Thursdays

Thursdays, September 4 through  
October 30 from 3:00pm-5:00pm

Children in grades 3 through 8 can join us for a different video game each Thursday afternoon. Bring a friend and play video games at the library!



## Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, September 9 through October 14  
Registration is required.

We will have stories, songs and crafts for young children.

2 year olds	11:15am-- 11:35am For 1 child and 1 adult
3-5 year olds	10:30am -- 11:00 am For children without adult



## Safari Adventure Puppet Show with Mr. Kipley

Saturday, September 20 at 11:00am

Join Mr. Kipley and his monkey sidekick for this interactive show that combines live music, engaging puppetry and amazing magic tricks.



## Paws for a Tale

Mondays, October 20 through November 24 at  
7:00pm, 7:30pm, and 8:00pm  
Appointments will be 20 minutes each.  
Registration is required.

Children in grades 1 through 5 can sign up to read to a certified therapy dog. These gentle dogs are nonjudgmental and great listeners for those children who could use some quality time reading out loud or would just enjoy reading to a good listener. Time slots go quickly, so sign up early for one or more sessions. Parents will need to sign a waiver form.

## Halloween Parties

Tuesday, October 28

Start your holiday fun at the library! Wear your costume and join us for a spooky craft, chilling tales, and ghoulish treats.

Preschoolers – 10:30am  
School Age – 4:30pm



## Anti-Bullying Art Display

Throughout November

Visit the children's department and see the remarkable art made by the children in Mrs. Thomsen's Park District art classes. These works of art will be made during the month of October, which is National Bullying Prevention Month. Anti-bullying messages will be expressed through the artwork on display.

## International Games Day

Saturday, November 15

Children can join us for a day of gaming at the library. We will have everything from traditional board games and decks of cards to video games!



## Thanksgiving Drop-In Craft

Saturday, November 22  
through Wednesday, November 26

While supplies last

Stop in and make a Thanksgiving craft to take home. Younger children will need a caregiver's assistance.



## Parent/Child Reading Group

For Grades 2-4

Monday, December 1 at 7:30pm

*Totally Disgusting!* by Bill Wallace  
(Juvenile Fiction, 129 pages, 2008)

Boys and girls in grades 2-4 can bring a parent to our reading group. Copies of the books will be available at the children's desk.

For Grades 4-6

Monday, December 8 at 7:30pm

*Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Boy* by William Boniface  
(Juvenile Fiction, 294 pages, 2008)

Boys and girls in grades 4-6 can bring a parent to our reading group. Copies of the books will be available at the children's desk.



## Winter Reading Club

Saturday, October 4, 2014 through  
Saturday, May 2, 2015

Earn yourself a reading badge  
(or 2 or 3 or 4) this winter.

Children in grades 3 through 8 can earn their badge by reading 5 books on a theme. First and second graders can earn badges by reading 10 books on a theme.

This program is designed for independent readers in grades 1 through 8 and runs  
Saturday, October 4, 2014 through  
Saturday, May 2, 2015.



# Children's Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

## Just for Teens & Tweens

Grades 6 through 12



### Manga and Anime Club

Thursdays, September 4, October 2, and November 6 at 7:30pm

Join us each month as we dive into the world of manga and anime. We'll check out some new favorites as well as some old classics, have lively discussions about the topics you love most and even try some Japanese snacks and drinks! Check back at the library for more details.

### ACT Power Session Prep

Saturday, September 6 at 1:00pm  
Registration is required

Just in time for a last chance practice before the autumn ACTs begin! High school juniors and seniors can join us to go over some strategies and content to prepare for the ACTs. Space is limited, so registration is a must!

### Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays, September 18, October 16, and November 13 at 7:30pm

Join this fun group and earn volunteer hours, meet new friends, find new books, and give us your two cents about teen services! You can even play a bookish guessing game for the chance to win a different prize every month! Snacks and drinks will be served.



### Teen Read Week Contest

Sunday, October 12 through  
Saturday, October 18

This year's Teen Read Week theme is "Turn Dreams Into Reality." Complete our trivia challenge for a chance to turn your dreams into reality... if your dreams include winning a \$25 gift card to Starbucks!

### Teen Book Discussion

Saturdays, September 13,  
October 11, and November 8  
at 2:00pm

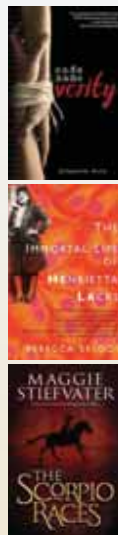
At the Starbucks on Waukegan Road in Lake Bluff

Join Eliza for coffee or tea and a book discussion at the Starbucks on Waukegan Road in Lake Bluff. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk!

September 13 - *Code Name Verity*  
by Elizabeth Wein

October 11 - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*  
by Rebecca Skloot

November 8 - *The Scorpio Races*  
by Maggie Stiefvater



### Teen Crafting

Thursday, October 9 at 7:30pm

Aim for sweeter dreams and make yourself a dream catcher! All you need to bring are your ideas—we'll have the supplies!

### Knitting with Ms. Eliza

Thursdays, September 25, October 23, and November 20 at 7:30pm

Teens, if you have ever had an interest in knitting or crochet, this is the group for you. Knitting Guru Eliza can help you with anything from simple hats and scarves to funky patterns and neat stitches. Beginners are welcome in this relaxed, informal group.



Join us on the teen blog; get the latest information and goings-on. Submit your own posts to share opinions on books you just finished, games you're obsessed with, movies you're anticipating, and more!  
<http://lakeblufflibraryteens.tumblr.com/>



## National Library Card Sign-Up Month Throughout September

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. It is our goal for each child in Lake Bluff to have his or her own library card. Children 5 years and older can sign up for their own library card at the circulation desk (but be sure to bring a parent!). New young card recipients will also receive a special card holder and button from the children's department.

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Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September

# A Friendly Beginning – True Library Friends

In 1955, Mr. Graham Munch donated his cottage on Scranton Avenue to be used as a library for Lake Bluff. The Friends of the Lake Bluff Library was founded, with Mary Clark serving as President for ten years. The Friends sought donations of money to reinforce the cottage's structure and build shelves for books.

The Library outgrew the cottage after 14 years. In 1975, the existing building was built and the Friends organized the move to the new site. On the day of the move, 130 Lake Bluffers appeared carrying boxes, pulling wagons, pushing strollers, and even baby buggies filled with books to move to the new site.

Thanks to the efforts of Ann Hamlin, the Friends stayed in existence through the 1980s and 1990s with a membership of one. The Friends reorganized around 2003 with the Presidency of Joan Cordeniz, and soon grew to a much larger number. As of 2014, the Friends are very active and are purchasing several items from the donations of money received from our loyal Bluffers. Mrs. Linda Schwartz is the current president. Thanks to everyone for their continued support and generosity.



## The Friends of the Library

Linda Schwartz, *President*  
Eileen Laack, *Vice President*  
Eva Javier, *Treasurer*  
Mary Dahlmann, *Secretary*

## Friends Meetings at 10:00am

Meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

Saturday, September 20  
Saturday, October 18  
Saturday, November 15

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